

**WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

GRAFTON, SS

TOWN OF LYME

To the inhabitants of the Town of Lyme, New Hampshire, who are qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified that the annual Town Meeting of the Town of Lyme, New Hampshire, will be held at the Lyme Community Gymnasium in the Lyme School on Tuesday, March 12th, 2019, at 7:00 AM, to act upon the following subjects:

Polls will open for voting by ballot on Articles 1 and 2 on Tuesday, March 12th, 2019, at 7:00 AM and will close at 7:00 PM, unless the Town votes to keep the polls open to a later hour. The business portion of the meeting will convene at 9:00 AM that same day, when all of the other Articles will be considered.

Articles 2, 3, 4, and 5 Polls shall remain open and ballots shall be accepted by the moderator on each such article, for a period of not less than one hour following the completion of discussion on each respective article. A separate ballot box shall be provided for each purchase article to be voted upon pursuant to this section.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

ARTICLE 1. To vote by non-partisan ballot for the following Town Officer:

- 1 Selectman for 3 years
- 1 Selectman for 1 year
- 1 Overseer of Public Welfare for 1 year
- 3 Budget Committee members for 3 years
- 1 Cemetery Trustee for 3 years
- 3 Library Trustees for 3 years
- 2 Planning Board members for 3 years
- 1 Tax Collector for 3 years
- 1 Town Treasurer for 3 years
- 1 Trustee of the Trust Funds for 3 years

AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCES

ARTICLE 2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Lyme Planning Board for amending the Lot Size Averaging section 5.11 D 3 to allow the Planning Board to set lot sizes, frontage, and setbacks, lot width, building footprint, lot coverage and gross floor area, up to the stated maximums for lot size averaging subdivisions and to remove the special exception for maximum building footprint in section 5.14 D and maximum lot coverage in section 5.15 E for lot size averaging subdivision.

Changes are in bold

~~Deletions are struck through~~

5.11.D Lot Size Averaging

3. Lot sizes, frontage, ~~and setbacks~~, **lot width, building footprint, lot coverage and gross floor area** shall be determined by the Planning Board based on the character of the land and neighborhood; the adequacy of the soils to support on-site wastewater disposal and wells; safety of access and traffic circulation; and other issues relating to the future use and enjoyment of the property. The setbacks from abutting properties, not part of the application, shall not be reduced. **Using the same criteria, the Planning Board may allow the following in the Rural, East Lyme and Mountain and Forest Districts:**

Maximum building footprint of up to 2,500 s.f.

Maximum lot coverage of up to 4,500 s.f.

Maximum gross floor area of up to 3,000 s.f.

Road setbacks may be reduced only when on an internal subdivision road approved by the Planning Board as part of the subdivision application. When frontage requirements are reduced, the Planning Board may require shared driveways.

5.14 Building Footprint. The maximum building footprint shall be a percentage of lot size as provided in Table 5.1, or as follows, whichever is smaller:

- A. shall not exceed 4,500 square feet in Lyme Center and Lyme Common, except for the Lyme Public school;
- B. shall not exceed 7,000 square feet in the other districts, other than buildings in the Commercial District and those used in conjunction with Skiing Facilities in the Skiway District;
- C. agricultural structures in the Rural, East Lyme and Mountain & Forest Districts shall not exceed 10,000 square feet except as otherwise permitted as a special exception (section 10.40) and in connection with Section 4.64 B; and
- D. except as otherwise permitted by special exception in connection ~~with lot size averaging subdivisions (Section 5.11)~~; planned development (Section 4.49); and expansion of any lawful non-conforming structure in existence when this ordinance was passed (section 8.25).

5.15 Maximum Lot Coverage. The maximum lot coverage shall be a percentage of lot size as provided in Table 5.1, or as follows, whichever is smaller:

- A. shall not exceed 6,000 square feet in Lyme Center and Lyme Common, except for the Lyme Public School;
 - B. shall not exceed 26,000 square feet per lot size averaged lot in the Commercial District;
 - C. shall not exceed 26,000 square feet in the other districts. Driveways do not apply in calculating lot coverage in the Rural, East Lyme and Mountain & Forest Districts;
 - D. lot coverage limitations shall not apply to Skiing Facilities Use in the Skiway District;
 - E. except as otherwise permitted by special exception ~~for lot size averaging subdivisions (section 5.11-D)~~; planned developments (section 4.49); and expansion of any lawful non-conforming structure in existence when this ordinance was passed (section 8.25); and
 - F. except as otherwise permitted by waiver under NH RSA 674:32 a-c for agricultural structures.
- (Recommended by the Planning Board by a vote of 4-1) (Recommended by the Select Board by a vote of 2-1)

TO PURCHASE AN EXCAVATOR

ARTICLE 3. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a long-term purchasing agreement in the amount of one hundred seventy nine thousand dollars (**\$179,000**), payable over a term of 7 years for the purchase of an excavator, and to raise and appropriate \$28,731 for the first year's payment for that purpose, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$28,731 from the Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. This purchase agreement does not contain an escape clause.

(2/3 ballot vote required). (Recommended by the Select Board by a vote of 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-1)

(These appropriations are not included in the total town operating budget warrant article as approved by the Budget Committee.) (No amount to be raised by taxation.)

Note: After discussion, the polls and ballot box will remain open for at least an hour for voting on this article.

TO PURCHASE A TON TRUCK

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a long-term purchasing agreement in the amount of one hundred thirty thousand dollars (**\$130,000**), payable over a term of 7 years for the purchase of an F550 1 ton with plow and wing, and to raise and appropriate \$20,866 for the first year's payment for that purpose, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$20,866 from the Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund. This purchase agreement does not contain an escape clause.

(2/3 ballot vote required). (Recommended by the Select Board by a vote of 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0)

(These appropriations are not included in the total town operating budget warrant article as approved by the Budget Committee.) (No amount to be raised by taxation.)

Note: After discussion, the polls and ballot box will remain open for at least an hour for voting on this article.

TO PURCHASE A FIRE TRUCK

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a long-term purchasing agreement in the amount of five hundred eighteen thousand dollars (**\$518,000**), payable over a term of 7 years for the purchase of a EONE Pumper/Typhoon Fire truck, and to raise and appropriate \$83,143 for the first year's payment for that purpose, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$83,143 from the Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund. This purchase agreement does not contain an escape clause.

(2/3 ballot vote required).). (Recommended by the Select Board by a vote of 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0)

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Note: After discussion, the polls and ballot box will remain open for at least an hour for voting on this article.

TO PURCHASE A POLICE VEHICLE

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a long-term purchasing agreement in the amount of sixty five thousand dollars (**\$65,000**), payable over a term of 5 years for the purchase of an Ford 150 special police vehicle, and to raise and appropriate \$14,193 for the first year's payment for that purpose, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$14,193 from the Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund. This purchase agreement does not contain an escape clause.

(2/3 ballot vote required). (Recommended by the Select Board by a vote of 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0)

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WITHDRAWAL FROM CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

(If articles 3, 4 and 6 pass; this article will be passed over)

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred seventy four thousand dollars (**\$374,000**) to fund the following purchases by authorizing the withdrawal of such funds from the Capital Reserve Funds for the purposes for which they were created as submitted by the Budget Committee:

Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund: excavator:	\$179,000
Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund: F550 1 ton with plow and wing:	\$130,000
Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund: Ford 150 special police vehicle:	\$ 65,000

Withdrawals from Capital Reserve Funds Total: \$374,000

(These appropriations are not included in the total town operating budget warrant article as approved by the Budget Committee.) (Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Select Board by a vote of 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-1) (No amount to be raised by taxation.)

TOWN OPERATING BUDGET

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two million three hundred forty eight thousand five hundred fifty eight dollars (**\$2,348,558.00**) which represents the operating budget as recommended by the Budget Committee.

Said sum does **not** include appropriations contained in any other warrant articles.

(Majority vote required.)

(The Select Board recommends an operating budget of \$2,348,558 by a vote of 3-0)

(The Budget Committee recommends an operating budget of \$2,348,558 by a vote of 8-0)

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE BLOCK GRANT APPROPRIATION

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ninety eight thousand dollars (**\$98,000**) for the purpose of maintenance, construction and reconstruction of class IV & V highways with \$98,000 anticipated to come from the State of New Hampshire Block Grant. Said sum does not include appropriations contained in any other warrant articles.

(Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Select Board by a vote of 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0) (No amount to be raised by taxation)

TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS AND TRUST FUNDS

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate four hundred fifty-nine thousand five hundred dollars (**\$459,500**) to be added to the following Capital Reserve and Expendable Trust Funds previously established for the purposes for which they were created.

Capital Reserve Funds:

Bridge Capital Reserve Fund	\$100,000
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Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund	\$150,000
Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$37,000
Class V Roads Rehab Capital Reserve Fund	\$50,000
Public Works Facility Capital Reserve Fund	\$50,000
Emergency Highway Repair Capital Reserve Fund	\$40,000
Computer System Upgrade Capital Reserve Fund	\$7,500
Town Buildings Major Maintenance and Repair Fund	\$10,000
Fire Fighting Safety Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$10,000
Recreation Facilities Capital Reserve Fund	<u>\$5,000</u>
Capital Reserve Funds Subtotal:	\$459,500

Capital Reserve Funds and Expendable Trust Funds Total: \$459,500

(These appropriations are not included in the total town operating budget warrant article as approved by the Budget Committee.)

(Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Select Board by a vote of 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0)

WITHDRAWAL FROM CAPITAL RESERVE

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars (**\$7,500**) to fund the following purchases by authorizing the withdrawal of such funds from the Capital Reserve Funds for the purposes for which they were created as submitted by the Budget Committee:

Computer System Upgrade Capital Reserve Fund: Equipment:	\$7,500
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Withdrawals from Capital Reserve Funds Total: \$7,500

(These appropriations are not included in the total town operating budget warrant article as approved by the Budget Committee.) (Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Select Board by a vote of 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0) (No amount to be raised by taxation.)

***APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR ROAD REPAIR DUE TO JULY 1ST STORM
BAKER HILL # 1 LOCATION***

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy thousand dollars (**\$70,000**) for the purpose of repairing and stabilizing the portion of Baker Hill Road damaged by the July 1st, 2017 storm to include testing, engineering, construction and materials for this project. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, and will not lapse until the road repair is complete or December 31, 2024, whichever is sooner.

(This appropriation is not included in the total town operating budget warrant article as approved by the Budget Committee.) (Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Select Board by a vote of 3-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0)

***APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR ROAD REPAIR AT
DORCHESTER ROAD LOCATION***

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred eighteen thousand five hundred dollars (**\$618,500.00**) to repair and replace culverts on various sections of the

Dorchester Road with four hundred sixty three thousand eight hundred seventy five dollars (\$463,875.00) to be funded through a grant from the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and one hundred and fifty four thousand six hundred twenty five dollars (\$154,625) to be raised by taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, and will not lapse until the road repair is complete or December 31, 2024, whichever is sooner.
(This appropriation is not included in the total town operating budget warrant article as approved by the Budget Committee.) (Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Select Board by a vote of 3-0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0)

***APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO COMPLETE REPAIRS
ON GOOSE POND ROAD***

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred sixty thousand dollars (**\$160,000**) for the purpose of construction repairs to the Goose Pond Road. The funds will be used for all expenses necessary to repair and stabilize the culverts, inlet and out let, including but not limited to testing, engineering, construction and materials for this project. This is a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, and will not lapse until the project is complete or December 31, 2024, whichever is sooner.
(This appropriation is not included in the total town operating budget warrant article as approved by the Budget Committee.) (Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Select Board by a vote of 3-0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0)

***INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND***

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand nine hundred eighty-three dollars (**\$6,983.00**) to sponsor an Independence Day celebration, including but not limited to a parade, picnic, music and family fun and to fund this appropriation by authorizing withdrawal of that sum from the Independence Day Celebration Special Revenue Fund established for this purpose at the 2003 Town Meeting.
(This appropriation is not included in the total town operating budget warrant article as approved by the Budget Committee.) (Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Select Board by a vote of 3-0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0) (No amount to be raised by taxation.)

MILFOIL TREATMENT FOR POST POND

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty eight thousand one hundred fifty-seven dollars (**\$28,157.00**) for milfoil treatment of Post Pond, with seven thousand thirty-nine dollars (\$7,039.00) to be funded through a grant from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services; a withdrawal of six thousand eight hundred ninety-eight dollars (\$6,898.00) from the unassigned fund balance and fourteen thousand two hundred twenty dollars (\$14,220.00) to be funded by the Conservation Commission. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the milfoil problem is resolved or by December 31, 2023, whichever is sooner.
(This appropriation is not included in the total town operating budget warrant article as approved by the Budget Committee.) (Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Select Board by a vote of 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by vote of 8-0.) (No amount to be raised by taxation)

**WITHDRAWAL FROM THE CEMETERY MAINTENANCE GIFTS
AND DONATIONS FUND**

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirteen thousand six hundred two dollars (**\$13,602**) to be used towards funding maintenance of the Town Cemeteries and to authorize funding this appropriation by the withdrawal of such sum from the Cemetery Maintenance Gifts and Donations Fund (established by the Selectboard on January 5, 2000).

(This appropriation is **not** included in the total town operating budget warrant article as approved by the Budget Committee.)

(Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Selectboard by a vote of 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0.)

Note: In 2006 Margaret Burdette Wise left \$30,000 to the Town of Lyme for cemetery use, the above amount is the balance left to spend.

ARTICLE 18. Resolved, that the Town of Lyme NH again, through the FERC relicensing process has been presented with information on the Connecticut River. If it is shown that there is a causal relationship between the operation of the Bellows Falls Dam and/or Wilder Dam by Great River Hydro or subsequent owners resulting in the deterioration of the riverbank and attendant roads and farmland, it is recommended that the town of Lyme NH formally request that Great River Hydro or subsequent owners modify current dam operations and create a mitigation fund to reimburse towns and landowners for any and all damages. (Recommended by the Select board by a vote of 3-0.)

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to relinquish any real property rights it has in conservation easements held by the Connecticut River Conservancy, provided that such relinquishment may only occur in the event that the affected conservation easement is assigned to a qualifying easement holder and such assignment is approved by the NH Attorney General's office, Charitable Trust Unit and such affected easement is reviewed and signed off on by the Select board. This action is recommended by the Select Board and Conservation Commission to reduce the Town's risk associated with enforcement of said easements.

REPORTS OF AGENTS, AUDITORS & COMMITTEES

ARTICLE 20. To hear reports of Agents, Auditors, or Committees or other officers heretofore chosen, and to pass any vote relating thereto.

(Majority vote required.)

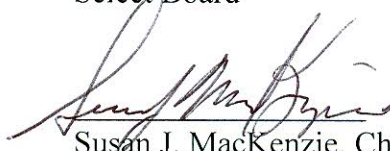
OTHER BUSINESS

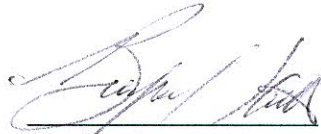
ARTICLE 21. To transact any other business that may be legally brought before this Town Meeting.


Given under our hands and seal of the Town of Lyme this 7th day of February, 2019.

Town of Lyme

Select Board



Susan J. MacKenzie, Chair


Bradford E. Keith


Kevin S. Sahr

Recording of Warrant:

This Warrant and return of Warrant has been duly recorded in the Office of the Town Clerk of Lyme, New Hampshire, this 8th day of February 2019.


Patricia G. Jenks, Town Clerk